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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS
USING STRAINS OF THE ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 13, line 24 with the following:

Parts of the 5' and 3' region of the *poxB* gene are amplified from *Escherichia coli* K12 using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and synthetic oligonucleotides. Starting from the nucleotide sequence of the *poxB* gene in *E. coli* K12 MG1655 (SEQ ID No. 1), the following PCR primers are synthesized (MWG Biotech, Ebersberg, Germany):

poxB'5'-1: 5' - CTGAACGGTCTTAGTGACAG - 3' (SEQ ID No. 5)

poxB'5'-2: 5' - AGGCCTGGAATAACGCAGCAGTTG - 3' (SEQ ID No. 6)

poxB'3'-1: 5' - CTGCGTGCATTGCTTCCATTG - 3' (SEQ ID No. 7)

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